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AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the office action dated March 12, 2003, amendment and reconsideration of the above application is requested.

Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

4. (Twice Amended) A patient feeding tube comprising:
- an elongated tube presenting a distal end adapted for insertion into a patient and a proximal portion designed to remain outside the patient;
- a fixture operably coupled with said proximal portion, said fixture comprising a tubular bifurcated body; and
- at least one intermediate coupling member attached to said fixture, said coupling member adapted to permit attachment of a CO₂ detecting machine to the tube so that the